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School-bus theft leads to cop chase

CRIME A stolen school bus sped across the MacKay bridge at 100 km/h early Friday morning.

A motorist called police at around 3:15 a.m. to report the speeding bus.

Officers tracked it down, but it didn't pull over. But the bus chase ended when it hit a parked police car in the North and Gottingen Streets area.

The driver got out and ran, but police caught him.

A 44-year-old man will face charges of impaired driving, two counts of hit and run, theft, and fleeing police.

While investigating, police found the suspect hit at least two other parked vehicles besides the police car.

There were no injuries.

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Parade Making children happy for 34 years



A young boy waves to Santa as his float travels down Herring Cove Road during the 34th annual Spryfield Santa Claus Parade yesterday. Spryfield hosts the longest-running Santa Claus parade in Atlantic Canada.

Tories in full retreat

OTTAWA A day of high-stakes political intrigue set the scene for a week in which Stephen Harper's Conservatives will fight to retain their grip on power.

Last night, after days of intense talks, the opposition parties were close to a deal for a Liberal-NDP government, supported by the Bloc Québécois, that would last for two and a half years, a source close to the discussions confirmed. The NDP would be granted a quarter of the positions in a cabinet smaller than Harper's 38-member cabinet. The Bloc would not have cabinet posts.

Nothing short of a fresh economic statement with measures to help Canadians cope with the recession appears likely to dissuade the opposition from defeating the Conservative minority and trying to form a coalition government next week.

Finance Minister Jim Flaherty yesterday continued a full-scale retreat from his Nov. 27 economic statement, with a promise of economic stimulus measures in an early budget Jan. 27. And for the first time, he hinted strongly Ottawa would bail out the struggling Big Three automakers.

But the Liberals and New Democrats said the latest concessions from the Conservatives are not enough to derail their move, with support from the Bloc, to defeat the Tory minority and take power with a coalition cabinet. A confidence vote that could topple the government is expected Dec. 8.

Meanwhile, the NDP yes-

terday said it might pursue legal action after the Conservatives taped a private New Democrat caucus meeting Saturday and distributed the transcripts and recordings to the media yesterday.

Also yesterday, in another reversal from the economic package, Flaherty said the government

would remove from the legislation implementing the package a bid to temporarily ban public service strikes. On Saturday, he backed down on the plan to scrap federal subsidies for political parties.

Flaherty's statements indicate the Tories are trying to limit damage in the wake of an economic package that raised questions about

the government's credibility and political smarts.

But there are questions whether the Liberals could act cohesively to join in an attempt to oust Harper. The main issue surrounds which Liberal would head the coalition and potentially become prime minister.

The "central issue" for the opposition continues to be the Tories' lack of a package of significant new measures to address the economy, which Flaherty admits has fallen into a recession, said Liberal finance critic John McCallum.

Deputy NDP leader Thomas Mulcair said the provocative economic update was a "terrible miscalculation by the Conservatives."

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Victim takes refuge in home after daylight shooting

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SHOOTING A man was shot in the abdomen in broad daylight on a Halifax street this weekend.

The 20-year-old victim was walking along Mic Mac Street at 11:30 a.m. when a man ran up to him, pulled out a handgun and fired several shots.

The victim was hit once in the stomach.

When police arrived, they found him in a nearby residence.

He was taken to the QEII hospital in serious condition.

Patrol and K9 officers started looking for a suspect, described as a man wearing dark clothing and a mask, but they didn't find him.

One witness told the CBC she was loading furniture into a van when the shots rang out.

"He just, like, doubled over and we thought at first they were joking ... we thought it was firecrackers," Linda Conrod told CBC.

When he got up, the victim starting looking for help by banging on doors.

"And then someone did open the door and let him in, and that was the last I (saw) him until the ambulance arrived and took him out."

Police said this shooting had nothing to do with two recent shootings. Those incidents are believed to be part of a drug-related feud between two families in the city.

This weekend's incident is the third shooting in one month.

Police said the victim in Saturday's shooting is known to them.

Local



Paycheques larger: StatsCan

Did your paycheque get fatter this fall? Statistics Canada says employees' average weekly earnings went up to \$798.57 in September, 3.3 per cent higher than the year before. Alberta workers made 5.9 per cent more, while New Brunswickers received a 4.3 per cent hike and Saskatchewan workers had a 4.1 per cent increase.

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Hospitals face scalpel

\$7M deficit will mean cuts to beds, surgeries in city

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Halifax hospitals will have to cut beds, OR time and surgeries in order to make up a \$7-million deficit.

In a Nov. 25 memo, Capital Health District Authority CEO Chris Power says overtime has gone up to a record high of \$1.1 million in October, and the number of surgeries is increasing.

But there's no money coming from the province to cover it.

"We anticipate having to do some cuts. We don't know what that looks like," spokesman Peter Graham said.

"The intent is for us to arrive at the end of the fis-

"The intent is for us to arrive at the end of the fiscal year with a balanced budget — That means we have to find \$7 million."

Peter Graham

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The authority has been asked to reconsider whether it needs to fill currently open job postings. Staff have also been asked to eliminate travel and entertainment expenses.

The cost-cutting comes after a huge push to reduce wait times for surgeries. In March, the province announced a pilot project with Scotia Surgery that allows some orthopedic surgeries to be done there. Hernia and other small op-

erations are being done at CFB Halifax, and other surgeries have been moved to smaller hospitals so that they could be done quicker.

In 2007, a report found more than 60 per cent of people were waiting longer than the national standard for surgery.

Hip and knee replacements could take months, or even years.

Senior health board staff are meeting tonight to discuss the cuts. Graham said there will be more information tomorrow.

Snowboarding **Urban Butter**



A snowboarder heads down the course during the final of the second annual Urban Butter Showcase at Grand Parade on Saturday night.

RYAN TAPLIN/METRO HALIFAX

Tourism revenue stable despite fewer visitors

FUNDS Tourism revenue isn't expected to drop this year, but the number of people visiting Nova Scotia will.

According to stats released by the provincial Tourism, Culture and Heritage Department, tourists will bring in about \$1.33 billion for 2008, which is the same as last year.

Now, here's the bad news: There were about 60,000 fewer tourists compared to the first 10 months of 2007. So far this year, more than 1.8 million people have come to Nova Scotia; that's expected to hit about 2.07 million for the year.

The number of visits from across Canada was down four per cent. American tourism was down 16 per cent, and there were about 900 fewer tourists from overseas. Despite this, the province is projecting a two per cent increase in room nights sold.

The numbers don't include cruise passengers, because they arrive and leave the same day. But there were lots of them: 228,000 at the Port of Halifax, and 38,800 at the Port of Sydney. They bring an estimated \$37 million to the province.

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What's online today.

Watch As a relative calls a mother who was stabbed to death protecting her family a hero at metronews.ca/canada.

Read Why Guidy Mamann says immigration law could become less fair at metronews.ca/immigration.



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Partial closure of Magazine Hill-MacKay bridge ramp

MacKay bridge drivers, be warned: The ramp that runs from the Magazine Hill to the bridge will be open only from 7 to 9 a.m. and 4 to 6 p.m., for about a week. It's part of construction on the Victoria Road interchange. **METRO HALIFAX**

Salon gives sheltered women 'treat'

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Getting highlights put in her hair was a "dream come true" for Jan.

She lives in Adsum Court, and yesterday she was one of a group of women who were treated to free makeovers at Spirit Spa in Halifax. Adsum runs three facilities to shelter women and children.

"This is such a treat. A lot of the women who are here never had a manicure done, or had their hair done in years," said Tara White, social work co-ordinator for Adsum for Women and Children.

"There's a lot of excitement today."

Jan, who didn't want her last name published, said she was so excited, she was up at 6 a.m. yesterday just waiting for her afternoon appointment.

"It's almost like a dream come true. I've never ever been pampered this way."

Her stylist Brenda Kennedy said she wanted to help out, so the salon organized a fashion show fundraiser last week as well as the makeovers yesterday.

"I just wanted to do something to help them out, because I think we should be there for each other and be



Brenda Kennedy and the other staff at Spirit Spa in Halifax treated about 20 women from the Adsum shelter and housing programs to makeovers yesterday.

grateful for what we have," Kennedy said.

"It's great to help women feel the way they should feel every day."

About 20 women from Adsum House, Adsum

Court and Adsum Centre visited the salon yesterday to have their hair and makeup done.

Jan had never been to a salon, let alone had a makeover. She said by

looking good, she'll feel better, too.

"I think I'll be a lot more confident. I'll hopefully hold my head high," she said. "I've needed a hair cut for a long time, but I'm

on social assistance and I'm sick with a few diseases. Some days I feel really crappy, but I think this is going to be one of the better days — inside and out."

BlackBerry use a No for drivers

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Admit it: The lure of the BlackBerry can be too strong to ignore when you're driving.

You're stopped at a red light, so what's wrong with a little looky-look at your e-mail?

"It's against the law," said Const. Jeff Carr with the Halifax regional police.

Since the law banning drivers from using cell-phones was passed in April, more than 800 tickets have been handed out. Carr said most if not all of them were for people talking on their phones while driving.

"If you're stopped at a red light, technically you're still in the lane of traffic. To do

For the road

- IMS is trying to sell ILane, a \$600 gadget that allows motorists to access their inbox by using voice commands.

that legally, you must pull over and park."

Well, that's news to Tanya, who didn't want her last name published. Her BlackBerry is her constant companion.

"If I'm at a stop light, I'll look at it. But I don't want to look at it while I'm driving." She was surprised to learn the practice is illegal.

"Oh, OK. I guess I won't be doing that anymore," she said, laughing. "You saved me a ticket now."

In his years in the traffic

unit, Sgt. Mike Spearns has seen it all.

"I'd like to see you glue your hands to the steering wheel, that's the way your going to be safe," he said.

"One gentleman I gave a ticket to, he didn't stop talking on his cellphone."

Spearns said the driver didn't consider talking on a phone as distracting as other people who eat, or even shave while driving.

A poll conducted for Intelligent Mechatronic Systems Inc. shows 23 per cent of Canadians want to have access to e-mail, their phone, and text messaging while they're commuting. The same poll shows that about a quarter of Canadians said they missed an important call or e-mail because they were commuting.

Drug spill brings in special unit

COLCHESTER The Truro Fire Service and the Special Hazards Material Unit from Bible Hill responded to a chemical spill at the Colchester Regional Hospital on Saturday night.

Firefighters were called after an undetermined amount of vials containing drugs spilled, some of which may have come into contact with a mainte-

nance employee. No one was injured, but the spill did create a strong odour that permeated the vicinity of the incident.

The call came in to firefighters at about 11 p.m. Hospital staff took precautionary measures until emergency teams arrived and determined there was no danger.

THE TRURO DAILY NEWS

AGM spotlights global agriculture

TRURO Global farming will be the focus of the 113th annual general meeting of the Nova Scotia Federation of Agriculture to be held this weekend at the Best Western Glengarry in Truro.

Presenters will include Jack Wilkinson, past pres-

ident, International Federation of Agricultural Producers; Dr. Michael Boehlke, professor of agricultural economics, Purdue University; Premier Rodney MacDonald; and the leaders of both opposition parties.

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Elizabeth Jollimore, a partner with Stewart McKelvey in Halifax, has been appointed to the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia. The newly minted Justice Jollimore graduated with her law degree in 1987, and has expertise in family law. **METRO HALIFAX**

Teens light a truck on fire, cops say

Three 17-year-olds were arrested at 5:20 a.m. yesterday after they lit the inside of a parked truck on fire at the Portland Street McDonald's. A passerby stopped one of the three youths, while police caught the other two. They've been charged with property damage.

• If you're going to carry pot and a gun in your car, make sure your safety

inspection's up to date. Halifax regional police arrested a 30-year-old man at 8:40 p.m. Saturday, after they pulled him over for a motor-vehicle infraction and found a handgun and marijuana in his car.

• Police arrested a 14- and 16-year-old in a stolen car Saturday at 1:13 a.m. on Highway 111 near Micmac Mall. They're still looking for a third youth. The two teens arrested

are charged with possession of stolen goods over \$5,000, fleeing police and assaulting a police officer. The officer wasn't hurt.

• RCMP are looking for three men who robbed Karen's Recycling on Highway 7 in Westphal just before supertime Friday. The three walked into the business, pointed an object at an employee and demanded the cash box. The thieves had their

faces covered, and one was wearing a white hoodie.

If you have any information, call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477).

• A 61-year-old woman was robbed near Maynard and Cornwallis streets Friday at about 4:30 p.m. by four teens. They demanded money and cigarettes, stole money from her purse, then punched her in the face, injuring her

eye.

The suspects are four black males, between 12 and 16 years old. Three were wearing black pants and hoodies; one was wearing grey pants and a hoodie.

The suspect who punched the woman should have deep scratch marks on the side of his face.

• A boom-truck operator was sent to hospital with leg injuries after his truck overturned Friday afternoon. The accident,

at Gale Terrace in Dartmouth, resulted in two businesses being evacuated so the truck could be turned over the right way. The driver's injuries weren't life-threatening.

• A 26-year-old woman was hit Friday at about 4:30 p.m. while in a crosswalk at the corner of Bloomfield and Agricola.

She was taken to hospital with non-life-threatening injuries; the driver who hit her was given a ticket.

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How old is too old to rock?

At what point is an artist just riding on past glory? Judging by the thousands of younger fans at the Saturday Neil Young show, he doesn't have to worry. "He's one of the classic singer-songwriters. He's a pinnacle in music history," said 22-year-old concertgoer Dave Walsh. "Yet, he's still playing in a manner that seems to be impressive and engaging and captivating." Walsh wasn't interested in seeing other veteran acts

who stopped by the city, like the Rolling Stones. Kristen Rae Finley, 22, knows someone who hated a recent Bob Dylan concert, but saw it "because he's gonna die and you've got to see him sometime. "With Bob Dylan, I don't want to capture that legend live. I want it to be untouched," said Finley. "Whereas, like,

Leonard Cohen, I feel intimate with him. It's not this person on a pedestal I'd like to keep there. And I feel the same way with Neil Young." Others said they'd hate to have seen The Beatles or Jimi Hendrix hang on too long. "You need a mix between the old classics to satisfy people, but also show that you're still an able artist," said Molly Willows, 21.

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Legendary Young keeps on rockin'

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"He's done this song a thousand times," said one fan as Neil Young sang Heart of Gold.

"And yet he's playing it like this is the first time he's ever played it."

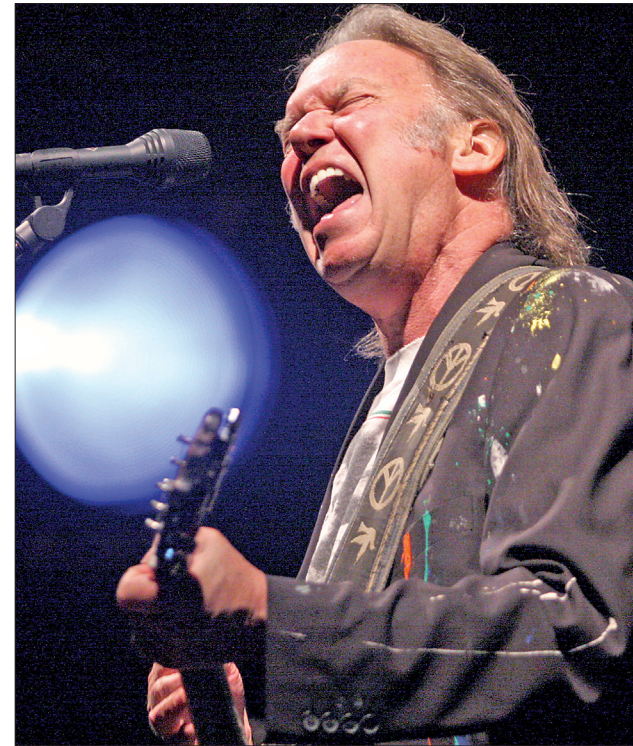
But for Young's thinning hair, Saturday's concert at the Metro Centre could have been 30 years ago.

By the roaring guitar solo in the second song, Hey Hey, My My, it was clear Young had no intention of acting his age. With limitless energy he jaunted around the stage, belting poetic lyrics and shredding out ferocious solos. At one point he literally ripped the strings off his guitar.

It wasn't just the energy. His voice, that unmistakable Neil Young twang, was immaculate.

With harmonica and acoustic guitar, his voice became a heartbreaking quiver as he sang "Every junkie's like a setting sun" in a masterful take of Needle and the Damage Done. The thousands of fans packing the floor waved lighters and sang along to Old Man, Unknown Legend, Cortez the Killer and, of course, Heart of Gold.

They swayed, jumped and pounded their fists at hits like Powderfinger, Every-



Neil Young performs Hey Hey, My My during his sold-out show at the Metro Centre on Saturday night.

body Knows This Is Nowhere, Cinnamon Girl and Cowgirl in the Sand.

Young seemed ageless. And though his audience spanned generations, the unmistakable majority of fans were younger. Mysteriously, the stage featured a man painting huge slabs of canvas in the background and a red phone — a Bat-phone, perhaps? — next to the drums.

To finish, Young levelled

the Metro Centre with a killer version of Rocking in the Free World. Then, delivering surely one of the most beautiful encores Halifax has ever seen, he came back onstage to sing The Beatles' A Day In The Life.

Over the last few years Halifax has seen its fair share of declining former stars nearing the ends of their careers. On Saturday, Neil Young proved he's not one of them.

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Foster mother guilty in manslaughter case

An Edmonton foster mother was found guilty of manslaughter in the death of a three-year-old boy in her care on Saturday. The 34-year-old woman, who cannot be identified, was charged with second-degree murder after the child died in January 2007 of brain injuries. **SOURCE: CBC NEWS ONLINE**

Canada



Arts remain strong

Arts groups across Canada are reporting strong ticket sales for the holiday season, despite fears of an economic recession. The Canadian Opera Company, Theatre Calgary and Ballet Jorgen are just a few of the organizations saying that sales are on par or stronger than previous years. Sales at the National Ballet of Canada, after taking a hit in the fall, have rebounded, with Nutcracker tickets outselling last year's show. **SOURCE: CBC NEWS ONLINE**

Coalition no 'short-term' plan, Layton says

The New Democrats and Liberals are laying the groundwork for a coalition government that plans to be in power for a "longer term, not short term," NDP Leader Jack Layton says.

"What we really want is just to get Harper out ... it's going to be a hell of a lot better for everything we believe in," Layton told NDP MPs during a conference call Saturday.

A transcript of the conference call was released yesterday by the Conservatives, who were able to eavesdrop as Layton briefed his caucus members.

Layton says he has been in touch with Liberal Leader Stéphane Dion and Bloc Québécois Leader Gilles Duceppe "frequently, every day," as party officials huddle to hammer out the details of their partnership.

Those discussions are looking at the "mechanics of a coalition government and the form it would take, the structure of cabinet, the way in which the logistics of a coalition government with the Liberals and the New Democrats would work, the key roles, dispute resolution mechanisms, timelines," Layton said.

The discussion offers a window into the intense and private discussion that have been ongoing since last week to lay the groundwork for an NDP-Liberal coalition government, backed by the Bloc, to replace the Conservatives.

By the end of the week-end, Layton said he was confident that the three parties would have reached agreement on the "machinery of government and an agreement on policy program for the coalition."

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Up next Legal action?

- The NDP didn't dispute the transcript released by the Conservatives, but said they are looking at pursuing legal action against those who covertly taped the meeting.

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Two dead after birthday-party knife attack

STABBING A birthday party in an Oshawa, Ont., townhouse erupted in violence Saturday night, leaving two adults dead and two children injured, one critically, police said.

Another man was in critical condition.

The woman who was killed was identified as Leslie Kelly. Her sons Riley, 3, and Nate, 5, were wounded in the attack.

Ricky Kelly, Leslie's husband, was also wounded in the attack.

The attacker was identified as Gino Petralia.

When police responded, Petralia confronted them and was shot dead.

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Watch neighbours and relatives react to the rampage at metronews.ca/canada

News in brief

STRANDED Canadian tourists stranded in Bangkok because of anti-government protesters are demanding the Canadian government fly them home before the situation worsens. But a foreign affairs official urged travellers to stay put and wait out the protesters, who are trying to topple the Thai government.

MUMBAI SERVICE The Hindu Federation of Canada held a pan-religious service in Brampton, Ont., yesterday meant to serve as both a memorial to the 183 people killed in this week's terrorist attacks in Mumbai — and a reminder that violence only begets violence.

DRUG COSTS The Newfoundland and Labrador government is considering new regulations that would lower the cost of generic prescription drugs, CBC News Online reports. While the move may benefit consumers in the short term, it could cause significant problems in the long run, including the disappearance of pharmacies in small towns, according to the Council of Independent Community Pharmacy Owners.

ONTARIO Progressive Conservative Leader John Tory's self-imposed deadline for finding a vacant seat to contest in a by-election is Dec. 31, but his leadership may not survive that long, as senior Conservatives say their patience is wearing thin because the political limbo is hurting the party's fundraising.

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Today, I reveal a deep dark secret. Not about being gay. I talk about that all the time.

When I first came out, I felt compelled to tell everyone. It led to some odd conversations such as, "Well, we were discussing global warming, but that's very interesting, Anne."

I've also already owned up to having a transgen-

dered daughter, an ex-husband and limited house-keeping skills.

What I want to confess is this. Yesterday, I ... I bought ... something.

Nothing illegal. And nothing kinky. Though I've often thought, "If God meant us to have interpersonal relationships, he wouldn't have given us batteries."

What I bought was ... a birdbath heater.

This is the latest thing in urban wild-bird care.

A small electrical unit that keeps water from freezing so the birds can drink all winter.

I don't know what they did before this. Maybe they went to Starbucks.

I know, we're not sup-

posed to be buying more gadgets that use electricity.

I figure I'll balance my carbon footprint by unplugging something non-essential.

Not the iPod charger or the PVR, I use those. Maybe my oven.

Also, I had an excellent reason for buying this heater. It makes me happy.

And frankly, anyone who says you can't buy happiness has never been to a really good shoe sale.

In fact I say, "Impulse buyers of the world unite." It's time to come out of the closet. If you've purchased a Bread-o-Matic or Butt Master Supreme, there's likely no room left in there for you anyway.

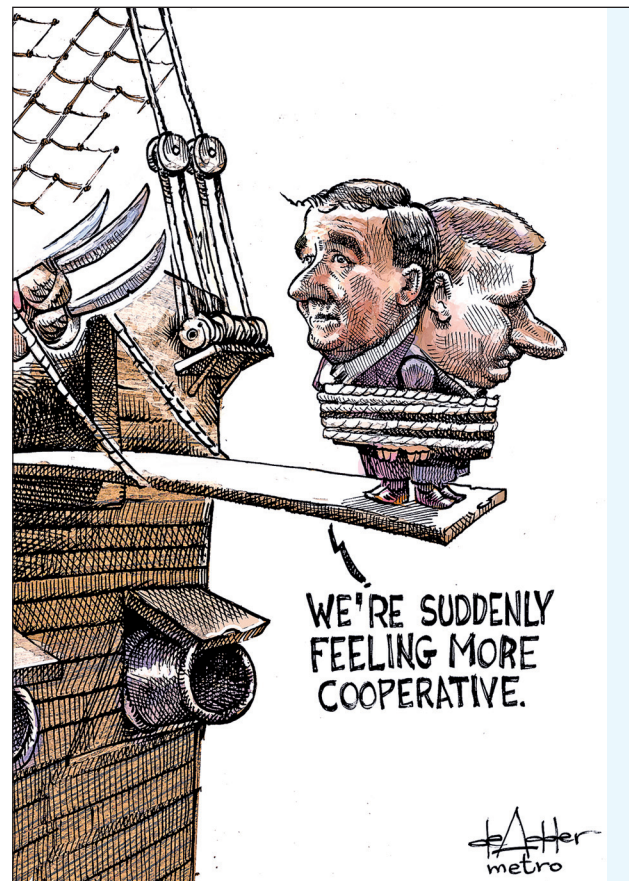
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less, frivolous item you've purchased and I'll share your story in a future column. Proudly. Without mocking. At least, not to your face.

And, let's remind those "I only buy what's on the list" shoppers that, without impulse buyers, there'd be no trashy magazines to peruse at the checkout counter.

No mini flashlight/key chain/laser printers. And, what would the world be without Chia Pets and fuzzy dice? A little less tacky, sure. But, far, far less fun. E-mail Anne at annemhines@aol.com.

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Views

It's time to start celebrating what makes Halifax so vibrant

Are we so caught up in the past and in the future that we haven't thought about living today? A day doesn't go by in Halifax when someone doesn't say that someday, it will be better — when we have more space, when I have more time, when I make more money.

Halifax is a community filled with an endless list

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of activities, adventures and places to go. But so few of us actively partici-

pate in our community.

Our downtown is filled with an assortment of shops that provide us with one-of-a-kind items from around the world, as well as those made by local artisans.

Dining opportunities are endless, from the corner pub to gourmet at its finest. Yet you can drop a pin in the downtown on most even-

ings and hear it fall.

If shopping and eating aren't your thing, how about taking in a Rainmen or Mooseheads game? Our city has two fabulous professional sports teams that play regularly to only half-full arenas.

What does all this mean? For starters, we need to forget about what has happened in the past.

We need to look forward to the future, but not at the expense of living now. Get out, enjoy your community, support your local businesses — watch a game, take in a gallery tour or theatre production, celebrate the talent and success that is vibrant and alive here. Then, share it with others.

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World/Business

Attackers Pakistani: India

The fallout from a three-day rampage that killed nearly 200 people in Mumbai threatened yesterday to unravel India's improving ties with Pakistan and prompted the resignation of India's security minister.

New Delhi said it was raising security to a "war level" and had no doubt of a Pakistani link to the attacks, which unleashed anger at home over the intelligence failure and the delayed response to the violence that paralyzed India's financial capital.

Officials in Islamabad have warned any escalation would force it to divert troops to the Indian border and away from a U.S.-led anti-militant campaign on the Afghan frontier.

Newspaper commentators blasted politicians for failing to prevent the attacks and for taking advan-



Students from different countries hold candles during a peace march in New Delhi yesterday. Hundreds of students from 25 nations participated in the march in memory of the victims of the Mumbai attacks.

tage of its fallout before voting in Delhi on Saturday and in national polls due by May.

Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh said he would boost and overhaul

the nation's counterterrorism capabilities, an announcement which came after Federal Home Minister Shivraj Patil resigned over the attacks.

"We share the hurt of the

people and their sense of anger and outrage," Singh said. "Several measures are already in place ... But clearly much more needs to be done and we are determined to take all necessary measures to overhaul the system," he said.

Indian officials have said most, if not all, of the 10 Islamist attackers who held Mumbai hostage came from Pakistan.

The tension between the nuclear rivals has raised the prospect of a breakdown of peace efforts going on since 2004. The two nations have fought three wars since 1947, when Muslim Pakistan was carved out of Hindu-majority India.

They went to the brink of a fourth conflict after a 2001 militant attack on the Indian parliament which New Delhi also blamed on Pakistan.

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Protestors ignore order to end siege

THAILAND Anti-government protesters ignored a police order to end a blockade of Bangkok's main airport, which entered its seventh day today, as the country's attention shifted to a court case that may force the government to resign.

The People's Alliance for Democracy (PAD), which has occupied two airports in its campaign to topple Prime Minister Somchai Wongsawat, let some planes leave

the main Suvarnabhumi airport yesterday to pick up stranded tourists from other airports, but there was little other sign of compromise.

The stakes have risen with thousands of government supporters rallying in the capital, the first show of strength by the Democratic Alliance Against Dictatorship since the PAD launched its "final battle" against Somchai last Monday. **REUTERS**

News in brief

SHUTTLE The space shuttle Endeavour glided to a smooth landing at Edwards Air Force Base in California yesterday, returning to Earth from a mission to expand and renovate the International Space Station.

CABINET U.S. president-elect Barack Obama was poised to name his national security team today, with former political rival Hillary Clinton in line to be picked as secretary of state.

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Business

Exec calls Yahoo deal 'total fiction'

Search deal not ruled out

A report in the Sunday Times that Microsoft Corp. is in talks with Yahoo Inc. to buy the U.S. internet company's online search business for \$20 billion US is "total fiction," according to a key executive cited by an influential U.S. blog.

The Sunday Times, which did not cite its sources, said the proposal under discussion involves a complex transaction that would see the U.S. software giant support a new management team to take control of Yahoo.

The team would be led by ex-AOL Chairman and CEO Jonathan Miller and former Fox interactive media president Ross Levinsohn, the report said.

But the AllThingsDigital blog, affiliated with the Wall Street Journal, quoted Levinsohn as saying the report was "total fiction." Top sources at Yahoo and Microsoft also scoffed at the report, the blog said.

Yahoo spokesman Brad Williams said: "We don't

comment on rumours, and all this is a rumour."

A Microsoft spokeswoman declined to comment.

Microsoft withdrew its \$47.5 billion US buyout offer for Yahoo in May after Yahoo Chief Executive Jerry Yang and his board rejected the bid as too low.

Bid speculation was sparked again earlier this month when Yang announced he was stepping down. Microsoft CEO Steve Ballmer ruled a bid out at the time, but said he was "open" to talks on a deal for Yahoo's search business.

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Investor activism

Carl Icahn — who sits on Yahoo's board and increased his stake in the company to 5.4 per cent last week — reiterated he favoured the sale of the search business, according to an interview in the Dec. 1 edition of Barron's.

BCE seeks fee from Teachers if no buyout

TAKEOVER BCE Inc. is demanding that the Ontario Teachers' Pension Fund pay a \$1.2-billion termination fee if the buyout of the company fails to go through, as expected, the Globe and Mail reported Saturday.

Citing people familiar with the situation, the Globe said BCE is pushing to get Teachers, the lead suitor in the \$34.8 billion buyout deal, to pay the huge fee should the bid for the owner of Bell Canada fall apart before a Dec. 11 deadline.

Teachers strongly denies any wrongdoing but may decide to negotiate a settlement with BCE, sources told the Globe. **REUTERS**

In brief

AUTOS The Big Three U.S. automakers should tell Congress they will limit corporate pay, bonuses and severance packages in return for government loans, the head of the United Auto Workers union told CNN yesterday, and denied high union wages were to blame for waning sales. **REUTERS**

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Going Green

Two sides of the 'pond'

The Green Guide to David Suzuki's Nature Challenge notes European pedestrian cities have less than 10 per cent of their land devoted to transportation, while North American cities devote up to 50 per cent or more of urban land to roads and parking, according to Greenology: How to Live Well, Be Green and Make a Difference by Tanya Ha.

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Leadership crucial in coming years

ScienceMatters

David Suzuki & Dr. Faisal Moola



It's an understatement to say that we are living in interesting times. The world seems to be undergoing a profound shift. On one hand, the looming environmental and economic crises are scaring many of us; on the other, events such as the election of the first African-American president in the U.S. are giving people hope.

We shouldn't let unreal-

istic expectations set us up for disappointment, but at least Barack Obama seems to have recognized that new ideas are needed to resolve the problems facing the world, and to seize the opportunities the crises present.

In a speech to the Governors' climate change summit in Los Angeles on Nov. 18, the U.S. president-elect referred to climate change as the most serious threat facing America and the world, and said, "My presidency will mark a new chapter in America's leadership on climate change that will strengthen our security and create millions of new jobs in the process."

Although Obama's proposed targets don't go far enough to reduce greenhouse-gas emissions,

they are at least acknowledgement of the seriousness of the problem and represent a reversal of the Bush administration's attitude. His promise to implement a cap-and-trade system is a good step. Economists and scientists agree that putting a price on carbon emissions, through cap-and-trade and carbon taxes, is essential to combating catastrophic global warming.



It's a shame the top two contenders for leadership of the Liberal Party in Canada have stepped away from the idea of a carbon tax, blaming it for the party's dismal showing in the October federal election. Our governing party hasn't demonstrated great leadership either. Along with the U.S., Canada has been a laggard among industrialized nations on climate policy and action, and now it looks like we could soon be the worst of the dinosaurs. But Obama

won't be sworn in until Jan. 20, and a lot is happening now. CEOs of the big three U.S. automakers — Ford, Chrysler, and General Motors — recently flew to Washington in private jets to ask for a \$25-billion US bailout from taxpayers. They've been told to come up with better plans, but those plans will be considered in early December, before Obama takes the reins. Keep in mind that current U.S. President George W. Bush overruled California's attempt to require stricter emissions standards for automobiles.

Should we have sympathy for free-market capitalists like GM vice-chair Bob Lutz, who claimed climate change is a "crock of ..." and that hybrid cars such

as those made by Toyota "make no economic sense," while his company continued to produce gas-guzzlers? Meanwhile, Japanese automakers are doing OK with more fuel-efficient vehicles such as hybrids.

The U.S. and the world have a lot of catching up to do to forestall the catastrophic consequences of our outmoded economic thinking. Let's hope the new U.S. president is up to the challenge and that he helps set an example for all world leaders to follow.

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News in brief

TAXES Governments must do a better job of explaining environmental taxes such as charges on driving in cities or higher electricity bills or risk a public backlash, a study has shown. Governments often fail to link green taxes to their goal of curbing energy use or helping a shift to renewable energies, according to Steffen Kallbekken, of the Center for International Climate and Environmental Research in Oslo. "People do not understand environmental taxes," he told Reuters.

ECONOMY The world must avoid a "cheap and dirty" fix for the economy that could undermine the fight against global warming, the UN's top climate official said yesterday. Yvo de Boer said the world risked a second financial crisis if governments reacted to economic slowdown by building cheap, high-polluting coal-fired power plants that might then have to be scrapped as climate impacts hit.

ICEBERGS U.S. scientists have figured out how icebergs break off Antarctica and Greenland, a finding that may help predict rising sea levels as the climate warms. Writing in Friday's edition of the journal Science, they said icebergs formed fast when parent ice sheets spread out quickly over the sea. "It won't help the Titanic, but a newly derived, simple law may help scientists improve their climate models" and predict ice sheet breakup, they said in a statement.

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Feds to consult with provinces on climate

Canada's environment minister has said the federal government would give the provinces a consultative role in any negotiations with the United States on a North American pact to cut greenhouse-gas emissions.

Jim Prentice said Canada intended to pursue such talks with the incoming administration of U.S. president-elect Barack Obama on a national level.

Even so, he said, "There will be extensive consultation (with the provinces) before we ever sit down with the U.S. administration."

Prentice made his remarks to reporters after a climate change conference at Lake Louise, Alta.

Alberta, which is looking to safeguard the interests of the carbon-intensive oilsands industry and other big emitters, has asked to play a direct role in any negotiation on North American climate change.

Emissions of carbon-based greenhouse gases are widely viewed as a

main cause of global warming.

Prentice declined to commit to offering any province a direct role.

The minister said he has not yet broached the possibility of talks on a continental accord with anyone in the new U.S. administration, which takes power in January.

"These are early days. We have to wait and see who (Obama) appoints to key positions," Prentice said. "Who will be head of the EPA? Who will be the secretary of energy?"

Prentice also said Canada is also waiting for specifics on a cap-and-trade system proposed by the Obama administration before determining if it would work with planned Canadian regulation.

The Conservative government recently said it also wanted to introduce such a system. It is proposing cutting Canadian greenhouse gas emissions by 20 per cent by 2020 and further cuts in following years.

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Cap and trade

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Browns lose Anderson
Cleveland Browns quarterback Derek Anderson, who was starting in place of Brady Quinn after Quinn's season was ended due to a broken finger, sprained his left leg during yesterday's loss to the Colts and may himself be done for the season. Browns coach Romeo Crennel said third-stringer Ken Dorsey would start next week. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Sports

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Burress allegedly shoots self, will reportedly be charged

The attorney for New York Giants receiver Plaxico Burress said yesterday he was advised that Burress will be charged with criminal possession of a weapon after accidentally shooting himself in the right thigh. Burress shot himself at a Manhattan nightclub Friday night and was released from a hospital early Saturday, the Giants said. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Skiing **Second for Canuck**



John Kucera of Canada celebrates his silver-medal performance following the men's Super-G World Cup alpine ski race in Lake Louise, Alta., yesterday.

Steelers end Cassel's hot streak

NFL ROUNDUP

Steelers 33 Patriots 10

Ben Roethlisberger threw for 179 yards and two touchdowns on 17-of-33 completions as Pittsburgh capitalized on key second-half turnovers to crush New England, 33-10, at a rain-soaked Gillette Stadium yesterday.

Jeff Reed made four field goals for the Steelers (9-3), who reeled off 30 consecutive points in the contest for their third win in a row and fourth in five.

Matt Cassel completed just 19-of-39 passes for 169 yards but threw two interceptions and lost two fumbles in defeat.

BRONCOS 34, N.Y. JETS 17
Jay Cutler threw for 357

yards and a touchdown, leading the Denver Broncos to an important 34-17 road victory over the New York Jets.

Cutler completed 27-of-43 passes and threw an interception for the Broncos (7-5), who, with San Diego's 22-16 loss to Atlanta, sit a comfortable three games ahead of the Chargers in the AFC West with four games to play.

Denver will be able to clinch a division title next week with a win over Kansas City coupled with a San Diego loss to Oakland.

Brett Favre was unimpressive, going 23-of-43 for 247 yards and an interception, while Dustin Keller caught seven passes for 77 yards for New York.

N.Y. GIANTS 23, REDSKINS 7
Eli Manning threw for



Steelers running back Willie Parker, centre, takes off for a gain against the Patriots in Foxborough, Mass., yesterday.

305 yards, including a 40-yard touchdown to Amani Toomer, and Brandon Jacobs ran for another score, as the New York Giants defeated the Washington Redskins, 23-7, at FedEx Field.

Manning finished 21-of-34

passing and was picked off one time, while Jacobs rushed for 71 yards. Toomer caught five passes for 85 yards for the Giants (11-1), who have won seven straight games.

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Painful loss for Mooseheads

Halifax suffers third-period meltdown and lets game slip away

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The Halifax Mooseheads let a hot streak slip away yesterday.

With their first consecutive wins of the season well within their grasp, and a chance to gain seven of a possible eight points in the past four games, the Herd suffered a late-game meltdown in a 6-4 loss to the Bathurst Titan at the Metro Centre.

It fell apart with just seven minutes left with the Mooseheads leading 4-3. Veteran blueliner Justin Pender put the puck over the glass to take a delay-of-game penalty and give the Titan a game-changing, 76-second two-man advantage.

Tomy Joly tied it on the power play with 5:37 remaining; Vincent Couture scored the winner with 3:12 to go; and Eric Faille iced it into an empty net with 42.5 seconds left.

"We just took stupid penalties that cost us the game," Gabriel O'Connor assessed bluntly afterward. "We basically gave the game away and you can't do that."

The loss was particularly tough to stomach given that Halifax had just beat



Acadie-Bathurst Titan right wing Vincent Couture chips the puck past Halifax Mooseheads goalie Mark Yetman during the third period of Sunday's game at the Metro Centre. The Titan defeated the Mooseheads 6-4.

en one of the top teams in the QMJHL on Friday, a 2-1 shootout road win over the Moncton Wildcats.

They had also played two strong games against the Saint John Sea Dogs, with a win and a shootout loss, and the momentum

was starting to build, albeit modestly. Now?

"It kills it, actually," said O'Connor, a 17-year-old blueliner.

"We were doing very good, we had five out of six points, we played well tonight, and this team, we

can definitely beat this team. But we didn't take advantage of it."

Gabriel Desjardins was the second star of the game with a goal and an assist, while Matt Snow, Chad Earle and Travis Rاندell had singles. Mark Yet-

"It kills it, actually. We were doing very good, we had five out of six points, we played well tonight, and this team, we can definitely beat this team. But we didn't take advantage of it."

Gabriel O'Connor

man stopped 28 shots.

If the Mooseheads (9-19-2) ever want to climb out of the Atlantic Division basement, beating younger, lower-ranked teams such as the Titan (12-14-6) will be pivotal.

"It's a game we've got to win," Snow said. "Down the road, those points are going to catch up with us."

Forwards Linden Bahm (leg), Logan MacMillan (knee) and Matt Boland (shoulder) sat out with injuries. Blueliners Scott McDonald and Ryan Mathe-son were healthy scratches.

Halifax gets another crack at the Titan on the road on Friday, the first of three games in three days.

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Larouche takes Sobeys's Slam

CURLING Quebec's Marie-France Larouche won the World Curling Tour's Sobeys Slam in New Glasgow yesterday.

The 28-year-old, last year's runner-up, won three games on the final day and cruised to a 7-3 victory over Saskatchewan's Stefanie Lawton in the championship game.

Larouche, a three-time participant at the Scott Tournament of Hearts, has now won four of five tournaments this year. In the other tournament, she finished second.

"It's been amazing," Larouche said. "It's a very, very good year for us. We need it. When we came here, we knew there were good teams but we knew we could do it after last year."

Larouche, from Levis, Que., is from a province removed from most larger spiels, making results like this even more precious as far as earning points for the pre-Olympic trials.

"We don't play as much as the people in Calgary, Winnipeg, Abbotsford," Larouche said. "We have jobs, and can't be travelling every weekend. So when we do come here, we need to win and we need to have points."

Larouche's rink takes home the \$16,000 top prize, while Lawton's earned \$12,000 of the total \$60,000 purse.

Mary Anne Arsenaault's 26th-seeded Halifax rink made it the farthest among Nova Scotian teams at the Sobeys Slam, going 4-0 in round-robin play. Arsenaault eventually bowed out to Alberta's Cathy King in the quarter-finals.

Jill Mouzar was knocked out in the triple-knockout round robin by reigning world champion Jennifer Jones, while Nancy McConnery lost to King. Colleen Jones, filling in as skip for Kelly Scott's British Columbia rink, also bowed out early.

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Marie-France Larouche watches her rock at the Sobeys Slam yesterday in New Glasgow.

Mack fails to report again

PBL Sam Mack left the Halifax Rainmen hanging, again. The Rainmen had signed the 38-year-old, six-foot-seven former NBA forward to a contract last week and planned to announce the deal at a news conference Friday. He was scheduled to fly into Halifax on Thursday.

"Rainmen staff arrived at the airport to collect Mack but learned he never got on the flight," a press release said. The Rainmen also signed Mack last year but he didn't report.

Huskies tied for top despite loss

AUS HOCKEY The Saint Mary's Huskies are locked in a three-way tie atop the Atlantic University Sport men's hockey standings heading into the holiday break. The Huskies, who are tied with the Moncton Aigles Bleus and New Brunswick Varsity Reds with a 10-5 record, were blasted 6-1 by the St. Francis Xavier X-Men in Antigonish on Saturday.

The Dalhousie Tigers, who lost 6-5 to Acadia on Friday, head into the break in last place with a 3-11 record.

Sports in brief

AUS Atlantic University Sport announced Friday a half-million dollar sponsorship agreement with Subway. The three-year partnership will financially assist more than 2,000 athletes and 11 athletic departments, while Subway receives the naming rights to the 16 AUS championship events.

AUS HOCKEY The third-place Dalhousie Tigers go into the holiday break with a 7-4 record after a 5-1 blasting of the Saint Mary's Huskies in Atlantic University Sport women's hockey play on Saturday. The Huskies fall to 2-8-1.

HARNESS RACING Truro-owned Somebeachsomewhere won the Breeders Crown and Horse of the Year on Saturday at the Meadowlands Racetrack in New Jersey. The multimillion-dollar horse is expected to retire with 20 wins in 21 races.

AUS VOLLEYBALL The Saint Mary's Huskies dumped the New Brunswick Varsity Reds 3-1 in Atlantic University Sport women's volleyball play yesterday. They head into the holiday break in second place with a 6-5 record.

JUNIOR A HOCKEY The Halifax Lions lost 7-3 to the host Truro Bearcats in Maritime Junior A Hockey League play on Saturday. It marked the eighth straight loss for the Lions, who now sit at 4-21-4.

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Workology



\$10 Million for UVic

The University of Victoria officially opened its new climate-change research building. The \$67-million facility will be known as the Bob Wright Centre, Ocean, Earth and Atmospheric Sciences Building, named after sportfishing entrepreneur Bob Wright, who contributed \$10 million to it. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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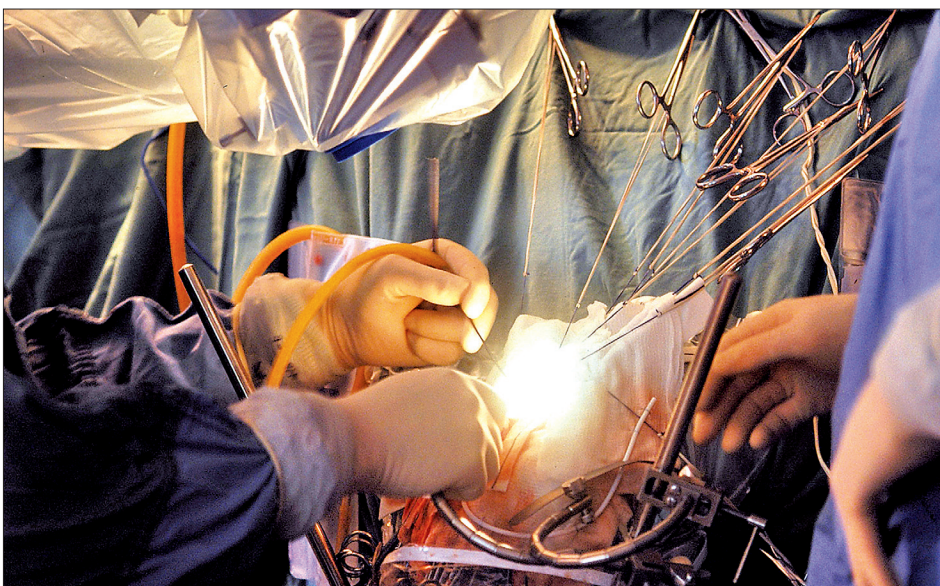
Pat Marston spends her workday behind the lens of her camera or at her computer, tweaking photographs using Photoshop. In that way, she's like many other professional photographers.

The big difference: Instead of posing brides or wide-angling landscapes, she points her lens at burns, surgeries and abuse scars.

As a medical photographer with the University of Alberta Hospital for the last 27 years, Marston, 57, uses her lens when anyone at the organization needs to preserve an image.

"They page us and we ask: 'When do you need us?' and they say: 'Now.'" She photographs wounds when the dressings are down for the patient's chart and to track how it's healing. She zooms in on the scars of child abuse and rape victims. She documents medical innovations and research — this is a teaching hospital — often snapping shots in the middle of surgery. She clicks her shutter at new medical equipment for the hospital's records, and takes pictures of donors shaking hands with staff for the hospital's foundation.

Growing up in Saint John, New Brunswick, Marston assumed she'd become a nurse until she got interested in art and photography in high school. She moved to Calgary after graduation and worked at the Holy Cross Hospital as a ward aid to save money to study photography at the Northern



A look at what's involved in neurosurgery.

Alberta Institute of Technology. One day at work, she saw a guy going around the emergency room with a camera.

"I thought to myself: Perfect," she recalls. She got her diploma and worked as a summer student at the University of Alberta Hospi-

tal for two years, doing medical photography.

After graduation, she set up a photography studio with her husband outside Edmonton and waited for a job at the hospital to come up.

It finally did a few years later, in 1981, and she's

been there ever since, working as part of a two-person crew.

Most days she has a scheduled shoot or two, but has no idea in the morning what she'll be photographing that day. When her pager goes off, she dashes up to the ward in question because it's at the right point in the surgery or a burn victim has just come in.

If her lights or other equipment fails, she has to

The Lowdown

Job title: Medical photographer

Education/training: A photography diploma or degree; specialized degree from the U.K. or Europe

Best Part of the Job: "Doing work that has a purpose."

Worst Part of the Job: "The sad things: Seeing the child abuse, the accidents that were probably preventable."

think fast to fix the problem, because she's got just minutes to make her shot. And the pictures are challenging. Some, like the gory gunshot wounds or the dying premature babies, are hard emotionally.

More often it's technically tough. "When you're shooting deep into a cavity, you have to get the right angle without touching anything. And you're standing on a stool and someone's hanging onto your shirt so you don't fall in."

Diane Peters once hawked magic pens at the Canadian National Exhibition. She's now a writer and part-time journalism instructor.



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Overcoming those pesky breaks in employment

EMPLOYMENT Resumé gaps raise red flags for most employers, a new survey confirms: More than nine out of 10 (93 per cent) executives polled said they'd be concerned about a candidate's fit for a position if his or her resumé showed involuntary periods of unemployment.

"In the current economy, employers are aware that people could be out of work through no fault of their own, but resumé gaps can still pose a significant obstacle for job candidates," said Dave Willmer, executive director of OfficeTeam, a leading staffing service specializing in the placement of highly skilled administrative professionals.

The survey was developed by OfficeTeam and

conducted by an independent research firm. It is based on telephone interviews with 150 randomly selected senior executives at the 1,000 largest companies in the United States.

"Applicants who have lengthy periods of unemployment should focus on quantifying their achievements and emphasizing specific skills and experience," said Willmer.

OfficeTeam offers the following tips to overcome gaps in employment: Provide an explanation, highlight the positive, stick to the facts, seek out referrals, and fill in the gaps by looking for temporary assignments while you're looking for a full-time job.

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Depp as Bond actor?

Movie legend Sir Roger Moore's memoirs are set to be turned into a Hollywood biopic, with Johnny Depp reportedly slated to play the part of the James Bond actor. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**



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Entertainment

**R&B idol**

Singers Aretha Franklin and Sean (Diddy) Combs are reportedly launching a new American Idol-style talent show to find R&B and hip-hop stars. **FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK**

EDITOR: TINA COSTANZA, TINA.COSTANZA@METRONews.CA

Metro Global Photo Challenge **Canadian takes top prize worldwide**



Editor-in-Chief of Metro English Canada, Dianne Rinehart presents Joel Charlebois the Nikon D700 for his winning Canadian photo entry, Midnight Tram to Humber, in the 2008 Metro Global Photo Challenge. One day later, he found out his photo beat out more than 50,000 entries from across the world to Metro newspapers in 20 countries, and won him a trip for two to Paris and \$2,000 CDN spending cash. Look for Joel's international interview in the next few days running in Metro newspapers around the world.

Box office

Following are the Top 5 films at the North American box office, led by new release Four Christmases, shown, for the three-day weekend beginning Nov. 28:



1 Four Christmases:
\$31.7 million US

2 Bolt: \$26.6 M

3 Twilight: \$26.4 M

4 Quantum of Solace:
\$19.5 M

5 Australia: \$14.8 M

6 Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa: \$14.5 M

7 Transporter 3: \$12.3 M

8 Role Models: \$5.3 M

9 The Boy in the Striped Pajamas: \$1.7 M

10 Milk: \$1.4 M

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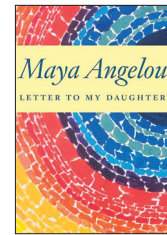
Author: Whitney Gaskell

Publisher: Bantam Dell

Price: \$14.00 (Paperback)

Can \$87 million buy Lucy Parker happiness? Wrongly accused of sexually harassing one of her students, the English literature teacher at Andrews Prep is sacked from the only job she ever wanted. Adding insult to injury, she happens upon her boyfriend bedding a blond the same day. She's dejected

and bombarded with media over the school scandal, but her failings turn into fortune when she wins a multimillion-dollar lottery. Winnings in hand, she escapes to Palm Beach in an attempt to assume a new identity and evade her crumbling past.



Letter to My Daughter

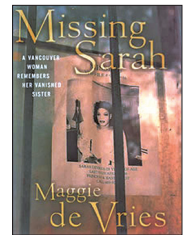
Author: Maya Angelou

Publisher: Random House

Price: \$28.00 (Hardcover)

Maya Angelou never had a daughter. But in *Letter to My Daughter*, her first assemblage of original writing in 10 years, she explores her own life as a daughter and imparts her knowledge and experience to daughters of the world.

Angelou describes intimate autobiographical events — such as the passionless first sexual encounter during which she conceived her son — and combines them with poetry to create essays. She addresses topics like spirituality, religion, friendship and fulfillment, and even pokes fun at herself.



Missing Sarah: A Memoir of Loss

Author: Maggie de Vries

Publisher: Penguin Canada

Price: \$18.00 (Paperback)

Heroin-addicted prostitute Sarah de Vries' precarious lifestyle caught up with her in April 1998 when she disappeared from the streets of Vancouver. Then her DNA turned up on the pig farm of notorious B.C. serial killer Robert Pickton, and hopes for her recovery quickly faded. In *Missing Sarah*, the deceased's sister and author, Maggie de Vries, recounts the life and death of her troubled sibling. Using excerpts from Sarah's candid, detailed diary, Maggie pays tribute to a sister who was separated from her both by death and in life.

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Auto pains may drive TV pains

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HAVE YOU DRIVEN A FORD LATELY? NO, SERIOUSLY. The imminent implosion of the U.S. car industry apparently hinges on a \$25 billion US bailout they've requested from the government, and the way public opinion is blowing, giving it to them might go down in history with the Smoot-Hawley Tariff Act and prohibition as the most unpopular piece of legislation ever.

(Don't you just love saying Smoot-Hawley? I know I do. I try to work it into conversations at least once a week.)

When they're not spending too much to make cars no one wants to buy, the big carmakers are also

one of the biggest segments of the advertising market, paying for campaigns on primetime TV and in practically every magazine on the newsstands.

Ford in particular has been a major sponsor of American Idol over seven seasons of the show, creating bespoke commercials for the show and branding itself all over the show's website.

I wasn't aware how much money the company had spent on their Idol partnership until I read an article last week in Cable & Broadcasting magazine on their dogged determination to maintain the relationship despite withering economic conditions. Last year's Ford Idol cam-

paign cost \$78 million, a substantial chunk of the \$328.5 million that's been spent by the company since they became the show's main sponsor.

This year's Idol campaign was focused on the unveiling of the 2009 Ford Focus, a stolid and generally uninspiring bit of metal made to show that the company was serious about improving mileage and seriously competing with Japan, though most industry observers say that it's a bit late.

Ford, maintaining their traditional role, is still number two in the ad-buying hierarchy, spending \$982.1 million on TV advertising last year to GM's \$1.1 billion and Chrysler's

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budgets to make it look like they're serious people who can be trusted with \$25 billion of public money — stepping up the trimming of advertising buy-ins, as well as other economies like replacing the single malt and champagne on the corporate jet with Red Bull and juice packs.

If the government bailout doesn't happen, however, Idol could find itself losing a major sponsor mid-season, as viewers tune in to find that Idol moments are being brought to you by pizza pops, and that the car part of the winner's prize package has been replaced by a George Foreman Grill.

Rick McGinnis writes about music, movies, books and television, but not opera.

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The International to open Berlin festival

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critics' corner

Corner Gas

Guitar hero? More like a guitar zero, according to the teacher. Novice musician Brent (Brent Butt) isn't happy when his guitar teacher makes him realize he's not cool and probably never will be. Wanda (Nancy Robertson) starts writing a column for the *Howler* under an assumed name. Hank (Fred Ewanick) takes exercise advice from Karen (Tara Spencer-Nairn) and winds up competing with Emma (Janet Wright) in the new episode “Rock Stars.” 9:32 PM on CJCH



Shrek the Halls

What's not to love about a Christmas special starring a family of green ogres? *Shrek* (voice of Mike Myers) isn't a Christmas kind of guy, but Fiona (voice of Cameron Diaz) loves the holiday, so he goes along — with a little help from Donkey (voice of Eddie Murphy) and the rest of the fairy-tale gang. 9 PM on ABC, CJCH

The Border

“Ice” is a slang term for diamonds, but it's a person who gets iced — literally — in this new episode. The ICS investigates when the discovery of a Russian man's frozen body in a rail car turns out to be connected to the smuggling of “blood diamonds” through the North. James McGowan, Nazneen Contractor, Mark Wilson and Catherine Disher star in “Double Dealings.” 9 PM on CBC

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LaBeouf named a hunk
Actors Shia LaBeouf, Zac Efron and Robert Pattinson have been named among the top 10 hunks of 2008 on a list compiled by website E!Online. FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK

Celebrity Buzz

Amy talking separation

RELATIONSHIPS Singer Amy Winehouse has reportedly met with lawyers to discuss a separation from husband Blake Fielder-Civil, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

Winehouse, who is in hospital, asked her father Mitch to organize the meeting recently, after arguing on the phone with Fielder-Civil, who was recently released from prison.

"She is finally realizing that Blake is bad for her. Amy is now taking the first steps in becoming a single woman again," a source said.

Winehouse was taken to hospital just over a week ago after suffering a

seizure caused by the prescription medication she is taking, her spokesman said.

"Amy and Blake had a screaming (argument)," a friend said. "She was beside herself after the call, and she just lost it. She went out and didn't stop until she was on the floor on Sunday. If she carries on, one of these incidents will be her last."

It has been claimed Fielder-Civil, who is now in rehab, is making abusive calls to Winehouse even while she is being treated in hospital. Winehouse recently told friends her marriage is beyond repair, reportedly

telling one friend, "It's over. There's no way back for us now. It was never going to last. We were only together for sex."



GETTY IMAGES PHOTOS

Paris-Benji split upsets Nicole

GOSSIP Paris Hilton's best friend Nicole Richie is so upset by the socialite's split from Benji Madden, she's preventing him from meeting any potential new girlfriends, imdb.com reports.

The hotel heiress confirmed her breakup from the Good Charlotte rocker on

Nov. 21, when she admitted the couple was "taking a break" after nine months together.

According to Madden's twin and bandmate Joel, who is also Richie's fiancé, Benji has been coping well with the split. But the same can't be said for Richie, who is reportedly doing her best to keep

her future brother-in-law single until he can be reunited with Hilton.

A source, who attended a recent launch party for Good Charlotte's new Greatest Remixes album, tells the New York Post's PageSix, "(Richie) has been really possessive and stops him from talking to other girls."

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Sienna back with Balthazar

RELATIONSHIPS Actress Sienna Miller and actor Balthazar Getty are back together, femalefirst.co.uk reports. Miller, who said at

an event earlier this month she was "single at the moment," was spotted walking her dogs and laughing with Getty in London recently. "We

drove past them and they looked very together," an onlooker said. Miller's love of partying is believed to have been to blame for her split from Getty.

"Sienna is only 26 and loves to go out," a source said. "At first Balthazar was excited by her beauty but eventually realized he should be back with his wife, and that Sienna represented a phase from another point in his life."

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Klum keeps teeth

CONFESSION German supermodel Heidi Klum has kept every tooth she has ever lost, imdb.com reports. "I carry around a little bag of my teeth," Klum said during a recent appearance on The Tonight Show with Jay Leno. "We don't have a tooth fairy (in Germany), so I put them in a little bag. I don't know if it's good luck, it's just a crazy thing that I do."

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Jovovich to wed Anderson

MARRIAGE Actress Milla Jovovich is preparing to walk down the aisle for the third time, with filmmaker Paul W.S. Anderson, imdb.com reports. The couple became engaged in 2003, but parted ways before reuniting and welcoming their first child, Ever Garbo Anderson, last year. And now Jovovich is ready to make their union official, despite having two failed marriages to actor Shawn Andrews and director Luc Besson behind her.

"I'd like to organize a private ceremony," she says. "I've done Las Vegas twice and I didn't want to jinx it by doing it again."



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Beckinsale to keep her clothes on

CAREER Kate Beckinsale has vowed to keep her clothes on in movies because she remembers how terrible she felt as a child when her mother bared all onscreen, imdb.com reports. Beckinsale has no plans to put her own daughter Lily through the humiliation she suffered at the hands of cruel school pals. She was taunted when her mom Judy Loe stripped for TV in Britain, when she was 10.

"The mortification of going to school! People said, 'I've seen your mother naked,'" Beckinsale recalls. "I literally had to beat up nine of them."

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Ryder's borrowed diamonds missing

GOSSIP Actress Winona Ryder is at the centre of a new controversy after reportedly losing \$125,000 US worth of borrowed Bulgari diamonds loaned to her for an awards ceremony appearance in Spain, imdb.com reports.

Ryder had been given a diamond-encrusted bracelet and ring to wear to a Marie Claire magazine party in Madrid last week. She reported the items missing after allegedly handing them in to her hotel's front desk in an envelope to be kept in the venue's safe.

But according to

Voici magazine, the hotel bosses have not yet been able to locate surveillance footage to prove Ryder's claims — and Bulgari executives have now asked police to investigate.

A spokesperson for Ryder, who was arrested in 2001 for failing to pay for goods taken from Beverly Hills store Saks Fifth Avenue, has yet to respond to requests for comment. Bulgari representatives have refused to address the reports or confirm the disappearance of the jewels.

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Female models 'mean,' Osbourne says

OPINION Kelly Osbourne says female models are "jealous and mean," femalefirst.co.uk reports. The reality TV star claims almost all the working models she has met have been nasty and she can't stand to be around them.

"Most female models I've come

across in my life are very jealous and mean. God forbid you eat anything in front of them — they look like they want to kill you! They're just stupid," Osbourne reportedly said.

Osbourne, who recently announced her engagement to model Luke Worrell, also revealed being in a relationship with him has clouded her opinion of the industry.

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Actress alleges Farrell tried to bed her

GOSSIP Actor Colin Farrell has brushed off reports he attempted to bed a budding actress and U.S. Army reservist after meeting her at a New York club, imdb.com reports. Sam Durrani claims she shared a cab with Farrell to her apartment following a recent night out. But she reportedly refused to succumb to his charms.

"He's very nice, but was just being a typical guy looking for sex, so I told

him I wasn't interested," she tells the New York Post. However, a representative for Farrell has hit back at her allegations, claiming that although Farrell was present at the club on the night in question, "He does not know Sam Durrani and does not remember ever meeting her."

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Sudoku

HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

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Crossword across

- 1 Tear
4 Seashore
9 Encyc. book
12 Historic time
13 Bother
14 Commotion
15 Item in February's mail
17 High-arc shot
18 Chiang — -shek
19 Guarantee
21 Pre-Christmas period
24 Galilee village
25 Extinct bird
26 Carte lead-in
28 Black fur
31 Afflictions
33 Omelet need
- 35 Story line
36 Narrow apertures
38 Dadaist Jean
40 A billion years
41 Information
43 Largest state
45 St. George's foe
47 Automobile
48 See 16-Down
49 Odin's maidens
54 Work with
55 Banishment
56 Baseballer's hat
57 Third degree?
58 Cut
59 Greek H

Crossword down

- 1 Gun the engine
2 401(k) alternative
3 Crony
4 Chimp's snack
5 Designate
6 Singer DiFranco
7 Megaphone-shaped
8 Zoo howlers
9 Jewelry and such
10 Smell
11 Ear part
16 With 48-Across, supplement
20 Break suddenly
21 Writer Kingsley
22 Toy shop purchase
- 23 Ratified
27 — Khan
29 Glimpse
30 Sicilian volcano
32 Men only
34 Large black bird
37 Ranges
39 Game participant
42 Have — to grind
44 Timetable abbr.
45 Decorate
46 Hurry
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51 Hockey surface
52 Dine
53 Resort

PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:

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Under 13 min	Genius	21-25 min	Not bad
13-17 min	Scholar	25+ min	Keep practising

Metro Recipe of the Day



Fresh Trout with Walnut Dressing

INGREDIENTS:

- 2 tsp (10 mL) vegetable oil
- 4 trout fillets, about 6oz (170 g) each
- 1/4 tsp (1 mL) paprika
- 10 walnut halves
- 4 1/2 oz (125 g) arugula, watercress or mixed salad leaves

DRESSING:

- 2 scallions
- A few sprigs of fresh dill or celery leaves
- 2 tbsp (25 mL) spiced rice vinegar or sherry vinegar
- 6 tbsp (90 mL) walnut oil
- Salt and black pepper

METHOD:

- Preheat grill to high. For dressing, rinse, trim and finely chop scallions, and place in a small bowl. Rinse, dry and chop dill or celery leaves and add to bowl with vinegar, walnut oil, salt and pepper. Mix well and set aside.
- Grease grill pan with half

the vegetable oil and lay trout fillets on top, skin sides down. Season with salt and paprika. Grill fish for 5–8 minutes, on one side, until flesh is opaque in the centre and delicately brown at the edges.

3. While fillets are cooking, heat remaining vegetable oil in a small frying pan and gently fry walnuts, shaking and stirring constantly so that they colour but do not burn. Drain on paper towel, then chop roughly.

4. Rinse and dry salad leaves and arrange on four plates. Lay a fillet of trout on each. Stir dressing, spoon over the fish, and scatter walnuts on top. **SERVES 4**

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Horoscopes

AVATAR VENUS

ARIES
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
Walk away from a dangerous situation. A pest considers telling the truth. Prepare to experience a tremendous power surge.

LIBRA
SEPT 23-OCT 23
Someone's illness will upset your plans. A memory rises up and affects a relationship. Somebody you know will leave the scene too soon.

TAURUS
APRIL 21-MAY 21
A neglected partner could be seeking comfort elsewhere. A dream of a better relationship will come true. A dramatic friend screams for attention.

SCORPIO
OCT 24-NOV 22
An optimistic guy will give you some hope. Be prepared to travel in an instant. Ensure that a phone bill has been paid.

GEMINI
MAY 22-JUNE 21
Someone has an amusing request to make. Expect a slow-down on the way home. A spiritual experience results from lessons that are learned.

SAGITTARIUS
NOV 23-DEC 21
Someone's devotion is strong and true. Don't be astounded by outrageous rules. Be kind to strangers while in transit.

CANCER
JUNE 22-JULY 22
Expect a normally smug person to become nervous. A meeting leads to greater information sharing. Divine intervention fixes a situation.

CAPRICORN
DEC 22-JAN 20
A friend has a temper tantrum. A career benefit isn't as certain as it should be. Don't break the spell that's cast by someone you love.

LEO
JULY 23-AUG 23
Visit the person you love the most. Be patient with a reluctant lover. Stand on your own two feet and be responsible.

AQUARIUS
JAN 21-FEB 18
A demanding deceiver will make concessions. Being assertive has a big pay off. It's easy to fall in love with the star of the show.

VIRGO
AUG 24-SEPT 22
Don't take anything for granted. Hold on tight to your magnificent dreams. You may be happier in a different setting.

PISCES
FEB 19-MARCH 20
A sentimental guy makes an impossible promise, and then breaks it. Look out the window to see a surprising event. Pay attention to a casual offer.

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5. Trash-on-the-street divider (2)
6. Make NFL announcer/ex-coach John glum (2)
7. Feeling of thankfulness for a stale remark (3)

ANSWERS
1. CLAD GRAD 2. GRIMMS WHIMS 3. LONG PRONG 4. BUSES FUSSES
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- DEC. 1, 1864: In his state of the union address, U.S. President Abraham Lincoln reaffirms the necessity of ending slavery as ordered ten weeks earlier in the Emancipation Proclamation.
- DEC. 1, 1918: The Kingdom of Serbs, Croats and Slovenes (later known as the Kingdom of Yugoslavia) is proclaimed.
- DEC. 1, 1955: In Montgomery, Ala., seamstress Rosa Parks refuses to give her bus seat to a white man and is arrested for violating the city's racial segregation laws, an incident which leads to the Montgomery Bus Boycott.
- DEC. 1, 1981: The AIDS virus is officially recognized.

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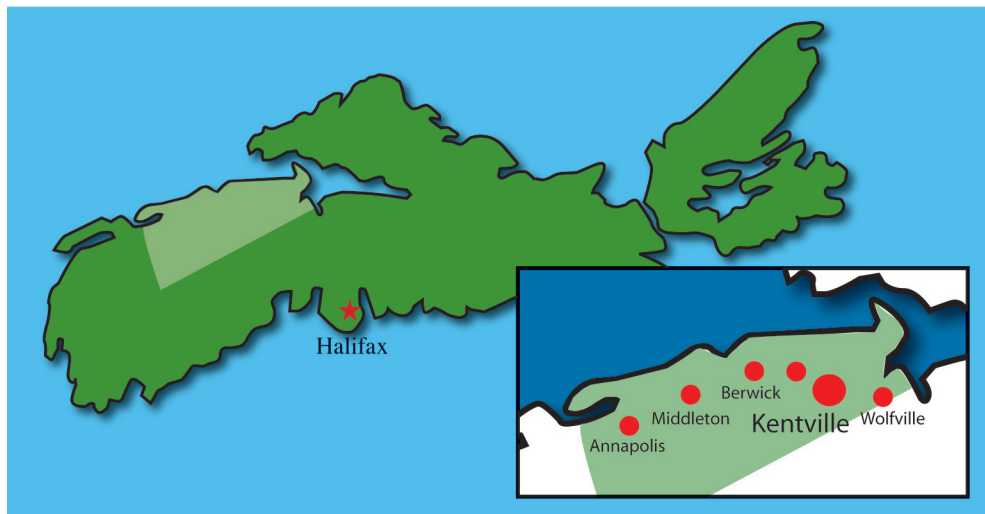
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